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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the claims in view of the following amendments and comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.